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35 years of our National Anthem and Flag



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# THE MORNING NEWS

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## Today we Celebrate Aruban Culture, and Folklore!

ENTHUSIASM, pride and patriotism fills the hearts of Arubans and the hearts of those who have made Aruba their beloved home when we raise our flag and hear the sweet sound of our "Aruba Dushi Tera." Wherever we may be around the world, our national

symbols can propel us back home in the blink of an eye.

To be able to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our national anthem and flag and the 25th anniversary of our Apart Status is in itself a privilege and great honor. We begin the celebration of our National An-

them and Flag Day, this Thursday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock.

The entire Aruban community is invited to gather at the Plaza Betico Croes and in the surrounding area of the Cas Di Cultura, Plaza Bolivariana, Rumbastraat, Vondellaan and Stadionweg to participate in

the grandiose celebration of culture, folklore and traditions.

Aruba is jubilant, and our most popular musical bands, folklore dancers, interpreters of our typical music, artists and chefs known for their delicious local and international foods, have all responded to the call to participate in this grand Feria Dushi Tera event.

Every aspect of those things that make Arubans proud and contented about living on Aruba will be celebrated at the great "fiesta on the streets" later this afternoon

On the Stadionweg adjacent to the UNOCA Offices at the Plaza Betico Croes our artists and painters will display and offer for sale some of their works of art. An art piece bought at such an event will certainly have a lasting commemorative significance.

Rumba Straat will also be closed to traffic where there will be a type of "street food festival" replete with local and international cuisines for every savor. For the children, the popular Dino Jump, Cotton Candy and other children's attractions will not be left out.

The musical entertainment for the evening will feature Trio Los Arubanos, Nico Connor on his steel pan, Edgar Kelkboom with his Harp, Mark Gonzalez singing for us, the Tsunami, Prive, So What, Transformerz bands, Robert y su Solo Banda Show, Youth Extreme, Claudio Philips and Oreo and the All Stars Band consisting of 27 professional musicians under the direction of Chucho Hoek and Carlos Bislip, will all be there to delight us with their music.

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March 18, 2011

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## The Heart of San Nicolas-Teresita Center will stage a tremendous March 18 Bazaar

SAN NICOLAS – March 18, Aruba's National Anthem and Flag Day, The Heart of San Nicolas-Teresita Center, is organizing a tremendous bazaar, to take place in the center's building and the parking lot. It will open at 10:00 am and close at 2:00 pm, with stands offering local food, such as

cabrito, fish and funchi, and soup, along with a well stocked non-alcoholic bar.

The Heart of San Nicolas committee is sending out a call for volunteers to help during the event as well as anyone will to donate to sell items for fundraising, like sweets, snacks, etc. Interested persons

are welcome to contact any member of the committee.

The Heart of San Nicolas extends its gratitude in advance to everyone willing to help or make a donation to the bazaar. Their generosity will be very much appreciated.

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## Pointers to Ponder

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## How to create your own mission statement: Part II

### Step Number Three:

#### What Is Our Guiding Value?

Believe me, this question is the most difficult to respond to and is the most crucial element in designing your mission statement. Most people have great difficulty choosing one guiding value, but it is essential that you have one.

For the sake of explanation here, let me share the mission statement I came up with as an example for Buchi Juan's Center:

Buchi Juan Dakota Center offers food and temporary shelter to homeless, unemployed teenage mothers of Dakota until they are able to find work and be self sufficient.

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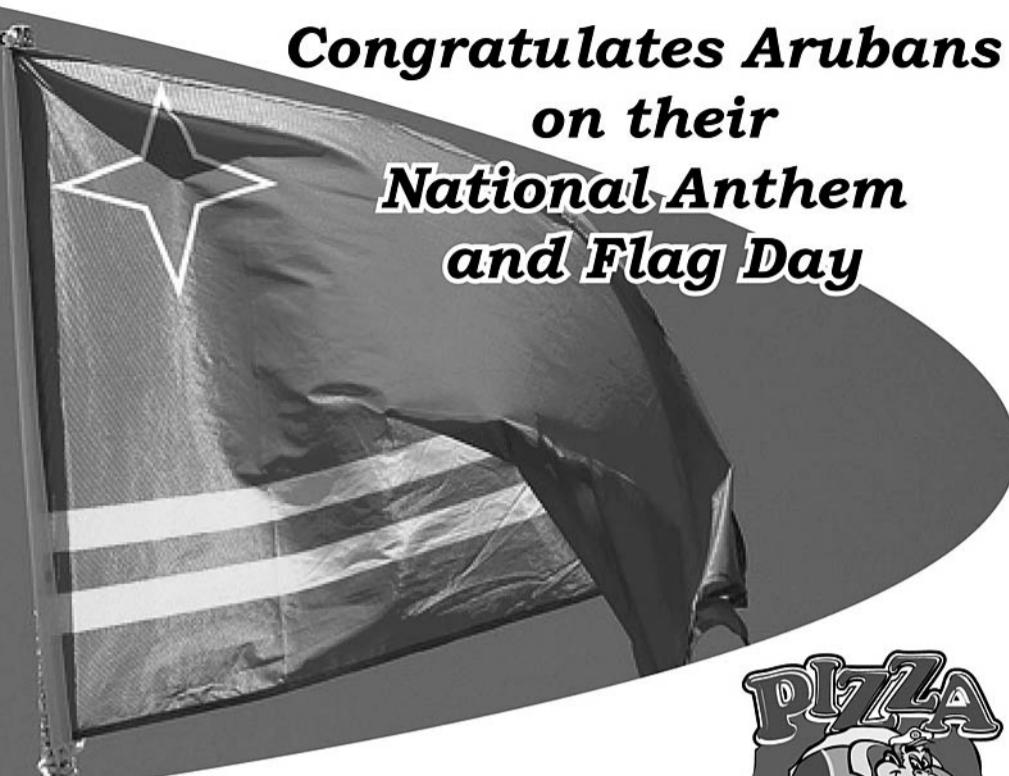
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## How to create your own mission statement: Part II

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In Buchi Juan's Center, their guiding value is self sufficiency. The guiding value will help this center decide which services they will provide and which services they will not offer. For example, they will never ask the teenage mothers who come in for help to fill out forms for the department of social affairs to apply for welfare. But they may ask them to do volunteer work in an elderly home or in a home for small children in exchange for food and shelter. The objective is to get these young mothers working towards becoming self sufficient and not dependent on welfare!

You see, your guiding value will keep you on track!

The next step in designing your business or personal mission statement is:

**Step Number Four: What is Our Success Measure?** In other words, you must have a system whereby you can accurately measure whether or not you are accomplishing steps 1, 2 and 3. How do you know that you are successful in what you're doing? How do you know that you are serving the people you set out to serve? You want to serve teenage mothers, are you really serving them or their parents, or the men who got them pregnant, etc?

Buchi Juan's success measure is getting teenage mothers on their own two feet, educated, independent and self sufficient with a job! In Buchi Juan's case, when a teenager is no longer homeless, hungry and unemployed, and can take care of herself ...you have succeeded!

The main focus in designing your business or personal mission statement is to make sure that all of the four steps work together. Each step needs to compliment the other. If for example, your success measure was to make a lot of money with these teenagers paying a fee for your service that would not fit with the rest of your other steps.

This article of course, due

to space constraints, is a very limited sketch of what is entailed in coming up with a mission statement. But, I think you have the basic idea. Try coming up with your own mission statement now. Jot down one or two words in answer to your step one question, do the same for steps 2, 3 and 4. Once you are sure those are the words you want to use, try putting them into short sentences, they don't have to "sound" good at first that you will do later.

Once you are satisfied with your sentence, do some editing or get someone else to see it and edit it together with that person. Make sure your statement is unique and truly identifies you, your business. Remember, it must be vibrant, short and explicit. Now commit yourself to your mission and reap the success!

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## Windows on Aruba redefines the “Power Lunch”!



Ingrid Does, Manager of The Morning News sample her Salmon on seaweed appetizer



Killer dessert



Duck breast with mushroom Risotto



Erin Croes, of Magic FM samples the shrimp and escargot



Stunning view of The Links

If looking to impress a potential client or business partner, Windows on Aruba at the Divi Links has introduced an elegant option that raises the bar on the ultimate “Power Lunch” on Aruba. The location is stunning inside and out, with a spectacular panoramic view of the verdant Divi Links golf course and surroundings, and what Chef Paul has devised to grace each platter is equally stunning. Fine, gourmet dining addresses all the senses; sight, smell,

taste, and yes, touch, paying close attention to the texture of the food on the tongue. The new lunch menu launched by Windows staff on Tuesday is a lesson in fulfilling gourmet dining expectations with perfectly balanced portions that taste as good as they look.

The specially priced 3-course luncheon menu is \$37.50, offering two choices in each course. The menu will change every two weeks, and the Maitre D' informed us that service will be very mindful of the fact that most patrons have only limited time to savor their meal, so they will be finished within an hour; longer if they so choose.

The current offerings are

Smoked Salmon Truffle on a bed of seaweed and salad or Creamy Dijon Mustard Soup with Bacon for an appetizer and Duck Breast with Mushroom Risotto and asparagus or Shrimp and Escargot with stir-fried vegetables and Saffron Sauce for the entrée. Island media was invited to sample the new menu and uniformly opined the offerings were excellent in every aspect.

Dessert could be tea and coffee with exclusive chocolates, or a mixed plate featuring brownies, vanilla and strawberry mousse and vanilla ice cream—guess which most selected?

Those who have not visited Windows on Aruba to savor

the gorgeous view or the remarkable menu should take advantage of this lunch special, when they can enjoy the best of both. The restaurant is also very popular for their endless parade of delicacies during their weekly Sunday Brunch. Lunch is served from noon until 2:30; full menus are found on their website: <http://www.windowsaruba.com> or by calling 523-5017 for the latest lunch offerings, and to make reservations.

by Rosalie Klein

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## Today we Celebrate...

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For about a quarter of an hour there will be a folkloric dance group performing a variety of music and dances. Every 15 minutes there will be a different musical activity on stage.

Our typical "Caha di Orgel" (Music Box) dubbed, "Nos Ambiente," followed by Pierewietje, the infant winner of the Song Festival, Youth and Kids in Action, Undercover Crew and finally, the Masiduri Group, will also perform on stage.

After the presentation of the Sodo y Cuero Group, the Sunrise Dancers dance group, Skol di Baile Diana Antonette will present several musical pieces. Then, Jonathan Croes, Step by Step Dance Studio, Club di Movimento and the winners of the Song Festival Hymno y Bandera in the youth category will delight the public.

A majestic national serenade by Tica Giel's choir will be sung at 9:45 till 10:00pm, which will be followed by the Simadanza Dance. The Coco Rico Dancers will close out the performances on stage with a terrific dance.

Following the performances on the other two stages, the public will be invited to gather on the Plaza Betico Croes as one giant family,

where, together with local and international dignitaries we will render homage to our national symbols.

At 11:45, carried by our world champion baseball team and accompanied by the TDS Brassband, our national flag will make its entrance. At exactly midnight the voices of the Coro den Harmonia and all present will resound with the singing of our Aruba Dushi Tera ringing in our official National Anthem and Flag Day, March 18th.

The raising of the Aruba Flag will be followed by speeches of well wishes by: Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, a representative of the BES islands from Bonaire, Glenn Thode, Prime Minister of Curaçao, Mr. Gerrit Schotte, President of the Sint Maarten Parliament, Mrs. Gracita Arindell, Minister of Internal Affairs and Dutch Kingdom Relations, Jan Piet Hein Donner, and the Prime Minister of Aruba.

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The event will include native musical and dance groups Grupo Tipico Cadushi Largo and Grupo di Betico among others, in the Plaza Padu.

Paseo Herencia is dedicated to enlightening visitors regarding island culture and history. The shopping center has a number of attractive and interesting displays showcasing Arubans who have made local and world history, along with the pioneers who helped the island achieve Status Aparte, autonomous rule within the Dutch Kingdom.

Paseo Herencia invites all to come and enjoy the festivities this coming Friday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m.; many of the eateries surrounding the Plaza Padu will be serving until 10:00 p.m.

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ARKALYK, Kazakhstan (AFP) – A Russian Soyuz capsule carrying a US and two Russians astronauts parachuted amid hailing winds into a snow-swept Kazakh steppe after a five-month mission to the International Space Station.

"Despite the difficult weather conditions, the landing

was standard," news agencies quoted Russian Federal Space Agency chief Anatoly Perminov as saying. But he added that the three spacemen did not undergo the required medical checks on the spot because of the bitter cold and that their return to mission control in Moscow could be delayed.

"We decided against setting up medical tents in the landing area because we fear for the crew's exposure," Perminov said.

The vessel returned from the International Space Station with a crew comprising astronaut Scott Kelly and cosmonauts Alexander Kaleri and Oleg Skripochka.



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### Radiation 'not threat outside nuclear plant zone'



People evacuated from Fukushima receive radiation scans in Nihonmatsu, Fukushima Prefecture.

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) — Radiation from a quake-hit Japanese nuclear power plant poses no immediate health threat outside a zone which has already been evacuated, the chief government spokesman said.

Authorities earlier moved tens of thousands of people out of the area within 20 km (12 miles) of the stricken Fukushima No. 1 plant.

Workers have been battling

a nuclear emergency there since last Friday's huge earthquake and tsunami cut power to reactor cooling systems.

"I have been informed that the figures monitored today (outside the zone) were not anything that would harm human health immediately," spokesman Yukio Edano told a briefing.

At the plant, 250 kilometres (155 miles) northeast of Tokyo, radiation levels rose sharply earlier in the day -- prompting a brief evacuation of workers -- but fell soon afterwards.

He said workers were preparing another attempt to pump water around overheating reactor fuel rods to cool them down.

But media reports citing defence ministry officials said military helicopters had postponed an attempt to drop water on the stricken plant because of the high radiation level.



## Celebrando 25 aña Status Aparte 25 aña SETAR

**Stima semper loke ta di nos !**



## Purchasing property in Aruba: Retirement home or investment - why not both?

As the Caribbean's #1 return destination, we are all aware of how visitors are quickly won over by Aruba's many assets; the perfect weather and charming people always invoke thoughts of making it a winter or retirement home. Terry Orgel and her husband Richard made just such a choice when they toured the cozy Jardines Del Mar community adjacent to Eagle Beach a few years ago, purchasing not only a townhouse for their personal use, but an identical 3 bedroom/3 bath home as an investment.

"We were particularly impressed with the quality of construction and design; we love the high cathedral ceilings, along with the layout of the community," explains Terry, "the way the grounds and homes are maintained have convinced us we made the right choice."

Terry and Richard, natives of Memphis, also appreciate the feeling of small town community to which they were accustomed, and love the way they have come to know all their neighbors. They spend their winters on Aruba from December to April, and six weeks in the summer, escaping the worst cold and heat back home.

The unoccupied townhouse is in pristine condition; they are now putting it up for sale at the pre-construction price they paid for it, \$395,000. This is 20% less than the developers are asking for a new unit. "When we purchased, we considered renting it out, but then decided we just wanted to simplify our lives and not be landlords. We also believed real estate prices could only go up, but the world situation has changed, and we realize we need to be flexible."

Their prime corner units have larger kitchens and terraces than the other Jardines Del Mar properties, along with more windows, spacious rooms with large closets and a huge walk-in closet in the master bedroom, for a total of 2,000 square feet. The kitchen has brand new stainless steel appliances and a microwave, which is included in the sale price, and there is an additional outdoor kitchen and terrace, where they installed a barbecue in their home and entertain frequently. The management boasts a full time concierge, wi-fi, excellent security, and the complimentary fitness room will be completed by the end of 2011. For those considering owning property on Aruba, Terry may have exactly what you seek, at quite a bargain price. For more information call Terry at 743-1265; she can answer many of your questions regarding being a homeowner on Aruba based on her own experience.

The Orgels will continue to live at Jardines Del Mar even after the sale of their property. They love the section of Eagle Beach which is only a block away, and Terry regularly participates in water aerobics at Windie's Water Sport Center, which is right next to their community. "Buying our own home in Aruba was the wisest thing we ever did; we couldn't be happier. We encourage anyone considering this move to take the plunge, it was well worth it!"

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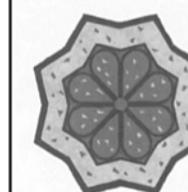
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## Aruba's first Lionfish Derby coming up this Saturday, March 19

Hadicurari Fishermen's Center in Palm Beach is organizing the 1st Aruba Lionfish Derby to be held this coming Saturday, March 19. Dr. Byron Boekhoudt, Marine Biologist and Director of the Coastal

Zone Management informed SCUBA divers, snorkelers, fisherman and interested parties on techniques of catching lionfish, which will be brought back to the Hadicurari Restaurant located between the Mar-

riot Surf Club and MooMba Beach Bar, where they will be cleaned, cooked and served up to all participants at no charge.

Competitors will take to the sea at 8:30 am. from any location and are required to return

with their catch for weigh-in at Hadicurari by 3:00 p.m. Official registration and adherence to the regulations are required to be eligible for any of the prizes. Cash awards of 250 Aruban florins, (\$142. U.S.) and a trophy will go to: Most Lionfish Caught by a Group, Most Caught by an Individual and Largest Lionfish by Length.

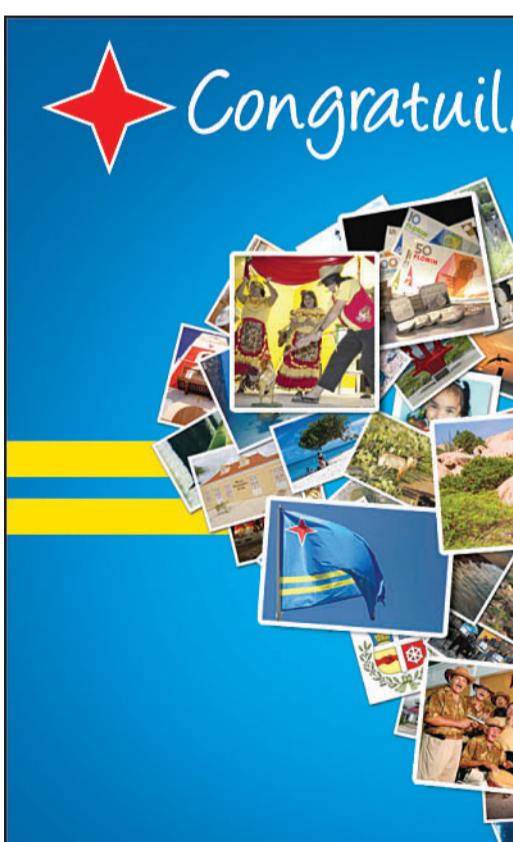
Lionfish, which are native to the Red Sea and Indo-Pacific, were first noticed in the Atlantic Ocean around 1992; the specifics of how they came to be in seas in this part of the world is speculation, but the likelihood of them being released by someone with an aquarium for which they grew to large is generally accepted. Unfortunately, lionfish are voracious predators and reproduce at a prodigious rate; because of their venomous spines they have no natural enemies and the population was soon out of control.

Lionfish spread to the Bahamas and throughout the Caribbean, finally to be found

in Aruba and its sister islands around two years ago. Local divers are reporting more frequent sightings and most dive operations usually catch and dispose of the fish whenever they can. Despite their beauty, they can decimate the rest of a reef population by nearly 80% in only one year, including important species which live on and control the algae that can damage the reef, eventually killing the entire eco-system.

Some time ago, islands of The Bahamas established Lionfish Derbies as a means of control, and the fish is featured on many restaurant menus. It is hoped this 1st Lionfish Derby will prove successful in Aruba; Dr. Boekhoudt expressed a hope for at least 100 participants in this first derby, to make it so.

Those wishing to compete can call 586-0820 for an entry form or e-mail aruba-marinepark@gmail.com or hadicurari.pesca@gmail.com. For more information and updates, visit their Facebook page listed as "Hadicurari."



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## Rap star Nate Dogg dies at 41



LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - Rapper and music producer Nate Dogg, a prominent fig-

ure in the world of hip-hop, has died at the age of 41, the Hollywood Reporter wrote without giving a cause of death.

Best known for his 1994 hit "Regulate," Nate Dogg -- a long-time friend and collaborator of rap legends Snoop Dogg and the late Tupac Shakur -- died late Tuesday, the trade newspaper wrote.

It quoted a tweet from Snoop Dogg lamenting the death of his friend.

"We lost a true legend in hip hop n rnb. One of my best friends n a brother to me since 1986," the rap megastar wrote on this Twitter microblog posting.

"I miss u cuzz I am so sad but so happy I got to grow up wit u and I will c u again n heaven cuz u know d slogan all doggs go to heaven."

Born Nathan Hale, in Long Beach, California, Nate Dogg made his debut on rap artist Dr. Dre's seminal 1992 album "The Chronic," the Hollywood Reporter wrote.

Hale was a rapper and producer on one of the biggest hip-hop singles of the 1990s, "Regulate" with Warren G, a hit which reached number two on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1994.

News reports said he suffered from ongoing health problems, including two strokes over the past four years.



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## Rapper Wyclef Jean fears rigged vote in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haitian rapper Wyclef Jean fears Sunday's election will be stolen from fellow crooner Michel Martelly, whom he hopes will be the next president of the earthquake-ravaged country.

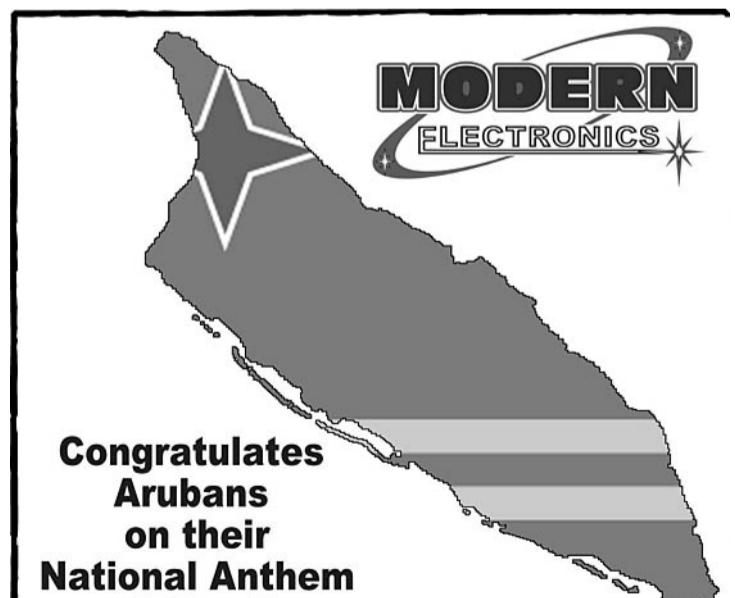
"Haiti is the land of surprises but let's just be clear, it's the most corrupt place in the world. They are planning to steal the election... it's obvious," he told AFP in an exclusive interview.

"If everything goes well Micky will be the president. If Michel doesn't win it will con-

tinue, the same regime and the whole cycle that shows you that the system actually does not allow change."

The winner will face the challenge of rebuilding the Western Hemisphere's poorest country following a January 2010 earthquake that flattened the capital, killing more than 220,000 people.

Martelly, who holds a slight lead over Manigat in the polls has been endorsed by five former presidential candidates and enjoys broad support among Haiti's many young voters.



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## Australia demolish Canada as England sweat



**Shane Watson (R) of Australia is congratulated by team mate Ricky Ponting after taking the wicket of Hiral Patel of Canada**

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Reigning champions Australia thumped Canada on Wednesday to climb to the top of their group as England faced the prospect of World Cup oblivion ahead of their clash with the West Indies.

Australia are now on nine points at the top of Group A after restricting the North American nation to 211 in Bangalore, before easing to a seven-wicket win with more than 15 overs to spare.

And captain Ricky Ponting said his side are ready for their biggest World Cup test so far when they tackle fellow heavyweights Pakistan on Saturday.

Watson (94) and Haddin (88) shared an Australian first-wicket World Cup record stand of 183 before they fell in quick succession.

Haddin was caught by Canada skipper Ashish Bagai off 40-year-old off-spinner John Davison, playing his final match before international retirement.

And 183 for one became 185 for two when Watson, who hit the tournament's biggest six at 104 metres dur-

ing his innings, holed out off Harvir Baidwan.

The openers' stand surpassed Australia's previous first-wicket World Cup best of 182 set by Rick McCosker and Alan Turner against Sri Lanka during the inaugural 1975 edition.

Earlier, Hiral Patel, a 19-year-old India-born opener, took the attack to Australia's quicks with a career-best 54.

Canada, who have completed their World Cup campaign with one win and five defeats, were well-placed at 150 for two.

But Australia, now unbeaten in 34 matches at the World Cup since 1999, then took five wickets for 19 runs. Brett Lee ended with figures of four for 46.

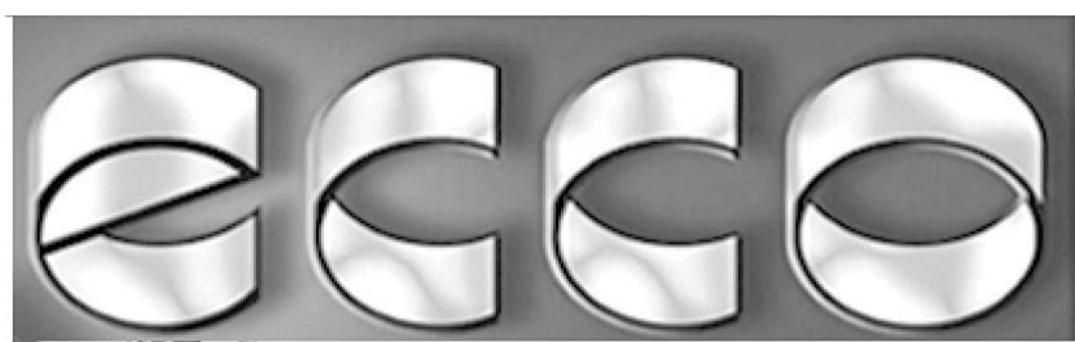
Ponting angrily threw the ball to the ground after catching Baidwan when, despite his repeated calls, Steven Smith collided with his captain, and his mood will not have been helped by his own cheap dismissal.

All four qualifiers from Group A are already decided with New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Australia safely through, but final positions are crucial because they determine opponents in the last eight.

Bagai said his team would take a lot from the tournament, adding: "The bowlers did well throughout the competition, but our batsmen let us down."

Meanwhile, England face a do-or-die clash with the West Indies on Thursday and were agonising over whether to stick with misfiring strike bowler James Anderson.

Andrew Strauss's Ashes winners must win the match in Chennai to have a chance of reaching the quarter-finals, although they will still need other results to go their way.



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## Mancuso wins downhill, Vonn takes overall lead



LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland (AFP) — American Julia Mancuso won the final women's downhill race of the season here on Wednesday as compatriot Lindsey Vonn took the overall World Cup lead from Germany's Maria Riesch with three races to go.

Olympic silver medallist Mancuso finished ahead of Switzerland's Lara Gut and reigning world champion Elisabeth Goergl of Austria to claim her fifth career victory four years after her last success.

"I was close to the limit at times, close enough to lose control but I succeeded," said Mancuso, who has decided to donate part of her prize money to help the victims of the earthquake in Japan.

Olympic downhill champion Vonn finished off the podium in fourth but the reigning three-time overall World Cup champion took 50 points on Crystal Globe rival Riesch who finished just 17th.

"It was difficult, visibility wasn't good and the piste was unstable," said Vonn, who had already secured a fourth consecutive Crystal Globe in the downhill earlier this month.

"I fought but after my mistake I knew it would be difficult. But the good thing is that I regain the lead after chasing Maria all winter."

Riesch has 27 points to make up on Vonn with a super-G, slalom and giant slalom left.

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## Thorpe faces uphill medal battle, says Spitz

MADRID (AFP) - Australian swimming star Ian Thorpe, who came out of retirement last month, faces an uphill battle to win more medals at the 2012 Olympics, former US Olympic swimming champion Mark Spitz said in an interview published Wednesday.

Thorpe, 28, won 11 world titles and set 13 long-course records before announcing his retirement from swimming in November 2006 after 10 years in the Australian team, saying he had lost the desire to compete.

The five-time Olympic champion said last month he was returning to the sport to compete at next year's London Games because "there are still things in swimming

that I haven't done, that I would like to achieve."

Thorpe has been preparing for the 2012 Games by training with Russian-born swim coach Gennadi Touretski in Switzerland.

"His return is great news for him, for his sponsors, for Australia and for swimming. But he still has much hard work ahead of him," Spitz told Spanish sports daily AS.

"For the moment we should focus on the process which could take him to London, enjoy the journey instead of thinking of the goal, because it is still too early to know if he can win medals."

Thorpe won the 200 and 400 freestyle at the 2004 Athens Olympics in his last major international meet.



## Ferguson gets five-match ban over ref rant

LONDON (AFP) - Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has been banned for five matches following his tirade against referee Martin Atkinson, the Football Association announced Wednesday.

Ferguson landed in hot water with the FA after blasting Atkinson's performance in the Red Devils' 2-1 defeat against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge earlier this month.

The United manager ignored advice from his club's legal department and vowed to contest charges of improper conduct, but has now been hit by a hefty ban as his team enter a critical phase of the season.

Ferguson had appeared to

question Atkinson's integrity when he stated that he had wanted a "fair referee" to control the match with Chelsea.

"You want a fair referee, or a strong referee anyway - and we didn't get that," said Ferguson in the aftermath of the defeat.

"I must say, when I saw who the referee was I feared it. I feared the worst," added Ferguson, who was incensed by Atkinson's failure to show a red card to Chelsea defender David Luiz.

The FA deemed Ferguson's criticism had gone too far.

"At an independent regulatory commission today (Wednesday) Sir Alex Fergu-

son was handed a touchline suspension for three matches and fined a total of £30,000," said an FA statement.

"The commission found the charge of improper conduct relating to media comments proven, following remarks made in relation to match official Martin Atkinson in post-match interviews after Manchester United's fixture with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday March 1, 2011.

"Furthermore the commission invoked a two-match suspended touchline ban, relating to a previous charge of improper conduct in relation to media comments made in October 2009.

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